

Table S1. Socioeconomic profiles of mothers lost to follow up from sweep 1 of the MCS

	Productive at sweeps 1 and 4	Lost to follow up at sweep 4
<i>Mother's drinking during pregnancy</i>		
Never	10.0	5.1
Not in pregnancy	55.4	67.2
Light	27.3	19.9
Moderate	5.1	5.2
Heavy/binge	2.3	2.6
<i>Mother's age at the time of birth</i>		
13 to 19	6.1	10.8
20 to 24	14.1	21.9
25 to 29	27.6	27.3
30 to 34	33.1	27.0
35 to 39	16.7	11.1
40 plus	2.4	2.0
<i>Mother smoked during pregnancy</i>		
Yes	19.1	25.8
<i>Lone parenthood</i>		
Yes	11.6	20.3
<i>Family income</i>		
£52,000 or more	7.3	4.9
£32200 - £51999	18.2	10.4
£20800 - £32199	22.3	15.8
£10400 - £20799	28.8	30.4
Less than £10400	16.9	29.1
Don't Know/ Refused	6.5	9.5
<i>Highest parental educational qualification</i>		
Higher degree	7.8	5.6
First degree/diploma	40.0	27.7
A/AS levels	16.3	15.7
GCSE grades A-C	23.7	27.8
GCSE grades D-G	4.7	7.9
Other/overseas	1.3	2.3
None	6.2	13.1

Table S2. Distribution of covariates for light vs. not in pregnancy groups

	Category of drinking	
	Not in Pregnancy n=7061	Light n=2919
<i>Infant's gender</i>		
Male	50.3	51.5
<i>Child's ethnicity</i>		
Minority group	3.3	6.1
<i>Mother's age at the time of birth</i> ***		
13 to 19	8.5	3.9
20 to 24	17.8	8.3
25 to 29	28.4	26.7
30 to 34	29.7	38.1
35 to 39	13.7	20.3
40 plus	1.9	2.8
<i>Pregnancy planned</i> ***		
Yes	56.5	68.4
<i>Mother smoked during pregnancy</i> ***		
Yes	23.1	14.4
<i>Firstborn</i>		
Yes	44.2	43.8
<i>Number of children in the household</i>		
one child	13.8	11.6
two children	48.1	54.0
three plus children	38.1	34.5
<i>Highest parental educational qualification</i> ***		
Higher degree	11.1	19.2
First degree/diploma	36.6	45.6
A/AS levels	18.2	13.4
GCSE grades A-C	23.3	17.4
GCSE grades D-G	4.8	2.1
Other/overseas	1.2	0.5
None	5.1	1.8
<i>Family income</i> ***		
£52,000 or more	9.9	23.1
£32200 - £51999	23.0	30.0
£20800 - £32199	22.7	19.4
£10400 - £20799	24.4	13.8
Less than £10400	11.1	5.4
Don't Know/refused	8.9	8.3

<i>Mother's K6 score (mean)</i> ***	3.0	2.9
<i>Parental discipline (mean)</i> *	1.5	1.6
<i>Mother's parenting competence</i>		
Better than average	63.1	61.5
Average or below average	36.9	38.5
<i>Mother's closeness to child</i>		
Extremely/ very close	62.6	95.9
Fairly/ not very close	4.2	4.1
<i>Mother currently drinks</i> ***		
Yes	90.3	96.7
<i>Someone reads to the child</i> *		
Daily	49.6	51.8
Weekly	45.8	44.4
Less often	4.7	3.9
<i>Regular bedtimes</i>		
Never/sometimes	7.3	6.8

* p<0.05, ** p<0.01, *** p<0.001